



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Group Art Unit: 2111
Examiner: K.N. Dang

In re PATENT APPLICATION of:

Applicant(s): Shinji HIRATSUKA)
Serial No.: 09/817,136)
Filed: March 27, 2001)
For: SERIAL BUS CONTROL DEVICE)
Atty. Docket: SATA 010)

AMENDMENT

August 20, 2004

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action of April 20, 2004, the period for reply to which is being extended to expire on August 20, 2004 by a Petition filed concurrently herewith. Furthermore, an RCE is being filed concurrently to relieve the above-identified application of its finally rejected status.

A fee of \$ 1250 is being submitted concurrently. Should this remittance be accidentally missing or insufficient, however, any fees that may be needed can be charged to our Deposit Account number 18-0002.

Please amend the above-identified application as specified on the following pages, and then reconsider it in view of the Remarks that are presented thereafter.

FEE ENCLOSED: \$ 1250
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fee to our Deposit Account
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